



# Southwest Winds

**USAF Band of the West**

Southwest Winds Quintet, a component of the United States Air Force Band of the West, specializes in entertainment for intimate audiences. Fashioned after a typical 18th-century orchestral wind section and comprised of five world-class wind instrumentalists, Southwest Winds promotes the concept of using classical chamber ensembles in musical support of the Air Force Mission.

The ensemble utilizes a variety of instrument combinations and presents a vast repertoire, encompassing Renaissance to contemporary music. Southwest Winds provides entertainment for a multitude of musical functions including formal concerts, recitals, luncheons, military ceremonies, and music festivals.

The group supports music education through clinics and master classes to elementary through college-aged students and presents performance tours throughout Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, and New Mexico. Southwest Winds has performed at various high schools, elementary schools, middle schools, universities, and has been featured at the Texas Music Educators Association conventions, benefiting both the students and performers.